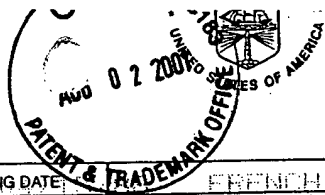


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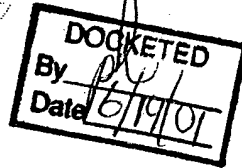


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- ☐ The petition filed _____ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

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- ☒ The amendment filed 12/20/99 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- ☐ entered.
☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).
☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
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